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1. FOLLOWING GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL B. SCIOUNS AND ERDA SCIREP ARRANGED MEETING WITH TAKEDA, MITI/AIST, ON SUBJECT OF SOLAR ENERGY COOPERATION. WAKASONE NOT PRESENT. HE IS BEING REPLACED AS IEA SOLAR ENERGY COORDINATOR BY HISAO KOBAYASHI, WHO IS CONTACT FOR US/JAPAN BILATERAL SOLAR ENERGY MATTERS. KOBAYASHI WAS PRSENT: HE APPEARS TO BE MORE FORCEFUL THAN WAKASONE AND SPEAKS FAIR ENGLISH. REPLACEMENT FOR WAKASONE WILL BE MADE KNOWN TO IEA R&D WORKING GROUP IN FUTURE: SUGGEST THAT JAPANESE BE ALLOWED TOCOMMUNICATE THIS TO MITI WHEN THEY SEE FIT.

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2. EMBOFFS FIRST RAISED SUBJECT OF DEFERRAL OF US EXPERT TEAM VISIT TO JAPAN AND REQUESTED THAT THIS BE RECONSIDERED IN LIGHT OF NEGATIVE IMPACT ON BILATERAL AGREEMENT AND FORTHCOMING IEA ACTIVITIES. AT FIRST, TAKEDA TOOK POSITION THAT LIMITED

STAFF AVAILABLE TO HIM MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO PROVIDE MAN TO CCOMPANY US TEAM ON SITE VISITS AND THIS WAS REASON FOR DEFFERAL UNTIL LATER INYEAR WHEN HIS BUREAU NOT SO HARRIED. EMBOFFS RESPONDED THAT THERE WAS NO NEED FOR AIST MAN TO ACCOMPANY TEAM, PROVIDED THAT ADVANCE ARRANGMENTS FOR VISITS WERE MADE BY AIST. TAKEDA, SECONDED BY KOBAYASHI, THEN AGREED TO ACCEPT VISITORS PRIOR TO END OF OCTOBER. FIRST WORKING DAY OF TEAM VISIT NOW SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 20, WHICH WE HOPE WILL BE SATISFACTORY TO DEPT. AND ERDA.

3. EMBASSY NOW NEEDS COMMENTS ON ITINERARY TRANSMITTED REFTEL C ASAP, AS WELL AS LIST OF TEAM MEMBERSN THEIR TITLES AND AFFILIATIONS, AND THEIR TECHNICAL INTERESTS OR EXPERTISE.

4. EMBOFFS NEXT BROUGHT UP MATTER OF LACK OF ACTIVITY BY GOJ ON IEA SOLAR PROJECTS AND WERE INFORMED THAT WAKASONE HAD SENT QUESTIONNNAIRE TO BOXER, IEA, END OF AUGUST FOR DISTRIBUTION TO IEA MEMBERS, SINCE NAMES OF PERSONS DESIGNATED AS RAPORTEURS BY FOUR OTHER COUNTRIES WITH PROJECT RESPONSILITIES WERE NOT KNOWN. AFTER MEETING, KOBAYASHI CALLED TO SAY THAT ON SEPT. 8 BOXER INFORMED WAKASONE THAT HE WAS MAILING QUESTIONNAIRE TO RAPORTEURS, WITH REQUEST THAT EACH RAPORTEUR COLLECT ANSWERS TO QUESTIONNAIRE BY OCT 15 AND SEND THEM TO CHAIRMAN OF WORKING GROUP BY OCT 30.

5. LIST OF US CONTACTS FOR FIVE IEA PROJECTS (REFTEL A) GIVEN TO TAKEDA AND KOBAYASHI. QUESTION WAS RAISED BY THEM AS TO WHETHER MORSE WAS RAPORTEUR FOR PROJECT ON DEVELOPMENT OF INSOLATION INSTRUCMENTATION PACKAGE. REPLY WAS AFFIRMATIVE. DEPARTMENT AND ERDA PLEASE CORRECT IF OUR INTERPRETATION INCORRECT.

6. FOLLOWING LINES OF PARA 3, REFTEL B, AIST REPS WERE GENTLY QUERIED ABOUT LACK OF PROGRESS BEING MADE IN COOPERATIVE ENERGY R&D MATTERS. GENERAL PROBLEM APPEARS TO BE SHORTAGE OF STAFF IN TAKEDA'S OFFICE, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF HEAVY DEMANDS ON STAFF TIME FOR BUDGET PREPARATION AND DEFENSE. EXPLICIT NEGATIVE ANSWER WAS GIVEN TO QUESTION RE GOJ INTEREST IN PROTECTING COMMERCIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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ROLE IN SOLAR ENERGY. ONE CURRENT HANG-UP THAT IS POTENTIALLY CAPABLE OF BEING RESOLVED EXPEDITIOUSLY IS NEGOTIATION OF AGENCY-TO-AGENCY BILATERAL ENERGY R&D ARRANGEMENTS. JAPANESE HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTY IN UNDERSTANDING COMPLEX LEGAL LANGUAGE USED IN US DRAFTS, E.G., COPYRIGHT CLAUSE OF DRAFT GEOTHERMAL AGREEMENT. IN PARTICULAR INSTANCE OF THIS CLAUSE, NEITHER SCIOUS NOR ERDA REP WERE ABLE TO CLARIFY INTENT OF LANGUAGE. SEE SEPTTEL (TOKYO 13072) FOR FURTHER DETAILS. SINCE SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION OF GEOTHERMAL AGREEMENT SHOULD ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL BASE FOR NEGOTIATION OF OTHER AGENCY LEVEL AGREEMENTS, IMPERATIVE THAT DOCUMENT BE PREPARED IN LANGUAGE THAT IS LEGALLY CORRECT BUT NOT OBTUSE.

7. ANOTHER MORE PHILOSOPHICAL PROBLEM THAT MUST BE OVERCOME IS THAT JAPANESE PUT CONSIDERABLE STORE IN BILATERAL ENERGY R&D RELATIONSHIP WITH US BUT APPEAR TO PERCEIVE THIS RELATIONSHIP BEING DILUTED AND IN SOME RESPECTS WITHERING AWAY BECAUSE OF US HEAVY COMMITMENT TO IEA. ALSO, AS HAS BEEN COMMENTED ON SO MANY TIMES, JAPANESE PREFER TO REACT TO NEW INITIATIVES MUCH MORE THAN TO CREATE THEM. THIS IS DUE NOT ONLY TO LANGUAGE BARRIER BUT TO FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE IN POLITICAL THINKING AND AMANGEMENT APPROACH AS COMPARED TO WESTERN NATIONS. AND, AS HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED IN MANY OTHER FIELDS, JAPANESE ARE MORE COMFORTABLE WITH BROAD STATEMENTS OF PRINCIPLE THAN WITH "TIGHT" CONTRACTUAL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENT. IF US WISHES T BRING GOJ INTO IEA FOLD IN CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER RE ENERGY R&D, AND TO ACCELERATE BILATERAL ACTIVITIES, MORE EMPHASIS ON PERSONAL CONTACTS WILL BE REQUIRED AND PROBABLY ON A DISPROPORTIONATE BASIS INsofar AS US EXPENDITURE OF TIME AND EFFORT IS CONCERNED. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT BOTH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL OBJECTIVES OF US CAN BE ACHIEVED MORE READILY IF PRIORITY ATTENTION IS GIVEN TO BILATERAL COOPERATION AND THEN USING THIS ESTABLISHED RELATIONSHIP AS BASEON WHICH TO BUILD MULTILATERAL RELATIONS. SOLAR ENERGY AGREEMMENT IS EXCELLENT CASE IN POINT. WHEN TAKEDA WAS ASKED IF HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE BILATERAL SOLAR AGREEMENT AND IEA SOLAR RELATIONSHIPS DURING THE VISIT OF US TEAM (QUESTION WAS ASKED IN CONTEXT OF SEEKING ADVICE ON COMPOSITION OF US TEAM), HE REPLIED THAT HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS BILATERAL PROGRAM AND: IF TIME PERMITTED, THE IEA EFFORT. EMBASSY HOPES THAT THIS ATTITUDE WILL BE RECOGNIZED IN FURTHER DEALINGS ONTHIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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